

PEMA: South Nguru Mountains

Participatory Forest Management

Summary

TFCG are currently developing a programme (PEMA: Participatory Environmental Management Programme) in collaboration with CARE-Denmark and WWF-Denmark to promote participatory forest management in the South Nguru Mountains which are part of the Eastern Arc.

Introduction

The project area covers 3147 ha of Eastern Arc submontane and montane forest. During a recent visit to the mountains it was evident that there was a high level of destruction of these forests which have over 40 endemic species.

Communities living immediately adjacent to the forests are predominantly small holder farmers growing bananas, yams, cardamom, cocoa and some maize. Approximately 46,000 people live within 5 km of the forest. In the lowlands there is the largest sugar plantation in Tanzania which has also drawn people into the area.

Biological Importance

The South Ngurus have 15 Eastern Arc endemic vertebrates and five vertebrate species with ranges in the Eastern Arc, Coastal forests and / or the Southern Highlands. There are at least 30 species of plant endemic to the South Nguru Mountains including one species of *Saintpaulia*.

TFCG's Conservation Activities

PEMA's aim is for the livelihood security of poor, natural resource dependent households to be improved, biodiversity and environmental services of national and international importance to be conserved, and the capacity of civil society and government institutions to design and implement effective Integrated Conservation and Development programmes to be enhanced.

Innovative approaches have been developed and implemented for a landscape approach to the sustainable management and conservation of biodiversity-rich forests, emphasizing the role of civil society in promoting more equitable sharing of benefits between the rural poor and wealthier interest groups at national and international level.

References

None cited.

Site Details

Location: South Nguru Mountains, Mvomero District, Morogoro Region.

Area: 3147 ha of submontane and montane forest.

Biodiversity: 15 Eastern Arc endemic vertebrates and five vertebrate species with ranges in the Eastern Arc, Coastal forests and / or the Southern Highlands; 30 endemic plants to South Ngurus.

Status: Threatened by logging and cultivation.

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Through an innovative landscape approach, TFCG aims to support the sustainable management and conservation of these biodiversity-rich forests.

